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This Administrative Bulletin (AB) announces the implementation of a pilot program to test revised forms associated with the Inmate Classification Score System. The project meets the criteria for pilot programs as set forth in Penal Code Section 5058(d).

The primary objective of this research project is to determine if a classification score system, based on revised classification score forms, would result in a more effective distribution of inmates according to their propensity to become involved in misbehavior while incarcerated.

This objective shall be met through implementation of revised forms on a portion of the inmate population. Under the approved research methodology, reception center staff shall complete two different Initial Classification Score Sheets for each newly committed inmate for a period not to exceed six months. One form shall be based on a revised set of variables, and the other shall be based on the set of variables currently in use. Inmates receiving odd prison number shall be placed according to the forms utilizing the revised set of variables. Inmates receiving even prison numbers shall be placed according to the forms utilizing the variables currently in use. Selection of participants will begin on November 1, 1998.

Each inmate shall be monitored for a period of two years. During that time a similar set of two Reclassification Score Sheets shall be used to update the classification score at intervals of six months. Inmates who parole and return shall again become part of the inmate study group, shall be monitored, and shall be subject to placement according to the variable set on which their original placement was based.

With the exception of the differences noted on or derived from the pilot study classification score forms, all other procedures, rules, or practices governing inmate classification shall remain unchanged. This is essential to the success of the project.

After being monitored for two years, inmates still incarcerated shall appear before a classification committee for program review based on the score derived from the current set of variables. Strong consideration shall be given to positive adjustment if transfer is considered. Inmates shall not be transferred based on the difference in score alone. Study group inmates who return to prison more than two years after the date that the inmate was received into the California Department of Corrections (CDC) as noted on the CDC Form 839, CDC Classification Score Sheet, shall be placed according to the current variable set.



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Please inform all persons concerned with the contents of this AB, which shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the pilot program. Any inquiries concerning this AB should be directed to George Lehman, Project Manager, Classification Pilot Project at 358-2164.

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